

TELE-COMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

Years ended December 31, 1996, 1995 and 1994

	1996	1995	1994
	amounts in millions except per share amounts		
Revenue (note 16):			
Communications and programming services (note 6)	\$ 7,038	5,586	4,250
Net sales from electronic retailing services	984	920	432
	8,022	6,506	4,682
Operating costs and expenses:			
Operating	2,917	2,161	1,507
Cost of sales from electronic retailing services	605	603	263
Selling, general and administrative	2,224	1,754	1,114
Compensation (adjustment to compensation) relating to options and stock appreciation rights	(13)	57	(8)
Restructuring charges	41	17	—
Depreciation	1,093	899	700
Amortization	523	473	318
	7,390	5,964	3,894
Operating income (note 16)	632	542	788
Other income (expense):			
Interest expense	(1,096)	(1,010)	(785)
Interest and dividend income	64	52	36
Share of losses of affiliates, net (note 4)	(473)	(193)	(112)
Share of earnings of Liberty Media Corporation	—	—	128
Loss on early extinguishment of debt (note 8)	(71)	(6)	(9)
Minority interests in losses (earnings) of consolidated subsidiaries, net	(56)	17	2
Gain on sale of subsidiary stock (note 13)	—	123	—
Gain on sale of stock by equity investee (note 4)	12	165	161
Gain (loss) on disposition of assets	1,593	49	(10)
Other, net	(65)	(30)	(17)
	(92)	(833)	(606)
Earnings (loss) before income taxes	540	(291)	182
Income tax benefit (expense) (note 14)	(262)	120	(120)
Net earnings (loss) (note 16)	278	(171)	62
Dividend requirements on preferred stocks	(35)	(34)	(8)
Net earnings (loss) attributable to common stockholders (note 6)	\$ 243	(205)	54
Net earnings (loss) attributable to common stockholders (note 2):			
TCI Class A and Class B common stock	\$ —	(71)	54
TCI Group Series A and Series B common stock	(813)	(107)	—
Liberty Media Group Series A and Series B common stock	1,056	(27)	—
	\$ 243	(205)	54
Primary net earnings (loss) attributable to common stockholders per common and common equivalent share (notes 2 and 6):			
TCI Class A and Class B common stock	\$ —	(.11)	.10
TCI Group Series A and Series B common stock	\$ (1.22)	(.16)	—
Liberty Media Group Series A and Series B common stock	\$ 3.97	(.11)	—
Fully diluted net earnings (loss) attributable to common stockholders per common and common equivalent share (notes 2 and 6):			
TCI Class A and Class B common stock	\$ —	(.11)	.10
TCI Group Series A and Series B common stock	\$ (1.22)	(.16)	—
Liberty Media Group Series A and Series B common stock	\$ 3.88	(.11)	—

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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9. **Miscellaneous.**

This Agreement represents the complete agreement concerning this license and may be amended only by a writing executed by both parties. If any provision of this Agreement is held to be unenforceable, such provisions shall be reformed only to the extent necessary to make it enforceable. This Agreement shall be governed by California law (except for conflict of law provisions). The application of the United Nations Convention of Contracts for the International Sale of Goods is expressly excluded.

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EXHIBIT 5

STATE OF ILLINOIS
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TCI Telephony Services of Illinois, Inc.	:	
	:	
Application for certificates of exchange	:	97-0619
and interexchange (including interexchange	:	
carrier access) telecommunications service	:	
authority.	:	

ORDER

By the Commission:

On November 26, 1998, TCI Telephony Services of Illinois, Inc. ("Applicant") filed its Application for a Certificate of Service Authority, pursuant to Section 13-403, 13-404 and 13-405 of the Public Utilities Act of Illinois ("Act"), to operate as a local exchange carrier ("LEC") providing facilities-based and resold local exchange services throughout Illinois.

Pursuant to notice as required by law and the rules and regulations of the Commission, this matter came on for hearing before a duly authorized Hearing Examiner, at the Commission's Chicago offices on May 4 and May 13, 1998. Applicant appeared by its counsel. Ms. Alcinda Jackson and Ms. Judith R. Marshall appeared on behalf of the Commission's Staff. At the conclusion of the hearings the record was marked "Heard and Taken."

Mr. Peter Stapp, Applicant's Vice President of Regulatory Policy and Compliance testified in support of the application. Mr. Stapp testified that Applicant possesses all of the necessary technical, managerial and financial qualifications to provide telecommunications services in Illinois.

Applicant intends to offer a full range of local exchange telecommunications services to its customers, including local exchange, carrier access services, operator services and prepaid calling card services. Applicant will also provide services ancillary to these local services. Repair, maintenance, ordering, provisioning, and billing for these services will be provided by Applicant.

Mr. Stapp testified that Applicant has the requisite financial resources and abilities to provide local exchange services to customers in Illinois. Mr. Stapp stated that Applicant's financial statements demonstrate the adequacy of Applicant's financial status. Through testimony and exhibits, Applicant demonstrated that it has the managerial, technical and financial resources to provide the proposed telecommunications services.

Applicant has requested that the Commission make certain declarations and grant certain waivers of the Public Utilities Act ("Act") and from the rules and regulations of the Commission. The services Applicant proposes to provide will be competitive telecommunications services as described in Section 13-502(b) of the Act. Applicant is required to file tariffs with the Commission under Section 13-501 of the Act describing the nature of its service, the applicable rates and charges and the terms and conditions of the service provided. If the Applicant files the required tariffs in compliance with Section 13-502(e) and the rules adopted thereunder in 83 Ill. Adm. Code 745, many of the provisions of the Act as well as regulations adopted by the Commission in Title 83 Illinois Administrative Code will be inapplicable to Applicant.

Specifically, Applicant seeks an exemption from 83 Ill. Adm. Code 710. A waiver of Part 710, governing the Uniform System of Accounts, should be granted pursuant to Section (13-402) of the Act and the Order entered in Dockets 84-0538 and 84-0539, in order to reduce the economic burdens of regulation on a telecommunication carrier which only provides competitive services.

Further, Applicant requests a variance of Part 735.180, governing telephone directory services and provided testimony that it will contract with the local exchange carrier to provide these services for Applicant's customers.

Applicant requests Commission approval to maintain its books and records at its principal place of business in Colorado pursuant to 83 Ill. Adm. Code 250.

The Commission, having reviewed the entire record and being fully advised in the premises, is of the opinion and finds that:

- (1) Applicant, TCI Telephony Services of Illinois, Inc. is a telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 13-202 of the Public Utilities Act and seeks to amend its Certificate of Service Authority;
- (2) the Commission has jurisdiction over the Applicant and subject matter hereof;
- (3) as required by Section 13-404 and Section 13-405 of the Act, Applicant possesses sufficient technical, financial and managerial resources and abilities to provide local exchange telecommunications service and resale of either local exchange or interexchange telecommunication service in the State of Illinois
- (4) Applicant should file with the Commission a tariff consisting of its rates, rules and regulations, in accordance with Sections 13-501 and 13-502 of the Act to be effective upon proper filing, before commencing service;
- (5) pursuant to Section 13-402 of the Act, a waiver should be granted to Applicant of Part 710 of 83 Ill. Adm. Code; such waiver will reduce the

economic burden of regulation and is not inconsistent with the Act or purposes of Article XIII;

- (6) TCI Telephony Services of Illinois, Inc. is granted a variance of 83 Ill. Adm. Code 735.180, the requirement to publish a directory, with the understanding that will meet an obligation to list its customers in a directory by making arrangements with the incumbent local exchange carrier to list its customers in the directories published by the local exchange carrier;
- (7) pursuant to 83 Ill. Adm. Code 250, Applicant is authorized to maintain its books and records in the State of Colorado in accordance with Section 5-106 of the Act.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that TCI Telephony Services of Illinois, Inc., be and is herein granted a Certificate of Service Authority pursuant to Section 13-404 of the Act and that its Certificate of Service Authority should read as follows:

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE AUTHORITY

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that TCI Telephony Services of Illinois, Inc., is authorized, pursuant to Section 13-404 of the Public Utilities Act to resell local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services throughout the State of Illinois.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that TCI Telephony Services of Illinois, Inc., be, and is hereby granted a Certificate of Exchange Service Authority pursuant to Section 13-405 of the Act and that its Certificate of Service Authority should read as follows:

CERTIFICATE OF EXCHANGE SERVICE AUTHORITY

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that TCI Telephony Services of Illinois, Inc., is authorized, pursuant to Section 13-405 of the Public Utilities Act, to provide facilities-based exchange telecommunications services throughout the State of Illinois.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that TCI Telephony Services of Illinois, Inc., be, and is hereby granted a Certificate of Interexchange Service Authority pursuant to Section 13-403 of the Act and that is as follows:

CERTIFICATE OF INTEREXCHANGE SERVICE AUTHORITY

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that TCI Telephony Services of Illinois, Inc., is authorized to provide

interexchange telecommunications services within the State of Illinois.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Applicant file with this Commission a tariff consisting of its rates, rules and regulations, to be effective upon proper filing, before commencing service.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that TCI Telephony Services of Illinois, Inc. is required to comply with the provisions of 83 Ill. Adm. Code 755, 756, 757, to abide by the requirements of 83 Ill. Adm. Code 725 and the Emergency Telephone System Act, and to comply with Sections 13-301.1 and 13-703 of the Public Utilities Act.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that 83 Ill. Adm. Code 710 be, and is hereby waived as set out in Finding (5) hereinabove.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that TCI Telephony Services of Illinois, Inc. is granted a variance of 83 Ill. Adm. Code Part 735.180 as set out in Finding (6) hereinabove.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that pursuant to 83 Ill. Adm. Code 250, TCI Telephony Services of Illinois, Inc. is authorized to maintain its books and records in the State of Colorado.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that subject to the provisions of Section 10-113 of the Public Utilities Act and 83 Ill. Adm. Code 200.880, this Order is final; it is not subject to the Administrative Review Law.

By Order of the Commission this 17th day of June, 1998.

(SIGNED) RICHARD L. MATHIAS

Chairman

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SECTION 1.0 GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1.1 Definitions, Technical Terms, and Abbreviations

Access Lines: A telephone facility which permits access to and from both the Customer's premises and the telephone exchange or serving central office.

Accessories: Devices which are mechanically attached to, or used with, the facilities furnished by the Company and which are independent of, and not electrically, acoustically, or inductively connected to the communications path of the Company facilities.

Add/Drop Multiplexing: A multiplexing function that allows lower level signals to be added or dropped from an Optical Carrier (OC) channel.

Applicant: A person who applies for telecommunications service. Includes persons seeking reconnection of their service after Company-initiated termination.

Application: A request made orally or in writing for telephone service.

Asynchronous: A method of transmission in which information is sent with each character (byte) providing synchronization via start and stop bits.

Authorized User: As used in connection with Telephone Exchange Service, denotes those individuals authorized by the Company to use a Customer's telephone service. It includes the members of the Customer's household, employees or agents of the Customer, residential tenants of hotels, clubs, etc., and joint users as arranged for.

Base Rate Area: A specific area within which the schedule rates for local exchange service apply without exchange line mileage or without special rates in lieu of mileage.

Bit: The smallest unit of information in the binary system of notation.

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Building: A structure under one roof and of such a nature that it can in itself fulfill the requirements of a business or residential establishment, or both; or two or more structures that are connected by means of enclosed passageways (overhead bridges, subways, or a ground level) or common basements, permitting access from one building to the other, that are suitable for the routing, placing, and proper protection of inside cable and wire type facilities. In no case can conduit be considered an enclosed passageway.

Business Service: Determination as to whether or not Customer's service should be classified as Business Service will be based on the character or use to be made of the service. The practice of advertising a telephone number in newspapers, business cards, or on trucks shall be a contributing, but not an exclusive, factor in determining the classification of service. Service will be classified as Business Service where the use is primarily or substantially of a business, professional, institutional, or otherwise occupational nature.

Central Office Area: The area within which the Customer's lines are connected to the central office operating unit, or units, established by the Company to serve that area. More than one central office may be located in the same building.

Central Office: A switching unit in a telephone system which provides service to the general public, having the necessary equipment and operating arrangements for terminating and interconnecting Customer lines and trunks or trunks only. There may be more than one central office in a building or exchange.

Central Office Line: A circuit furnished by the Company which extends from the central office building to the Customer's premises. The end of the central office line is the Network Interface or equivalent on the Customer's premises. This includes exchange access lines, Centrex lines, Wide Area Telecommunications Service (WATS) lines, Local Channels for Series Channel Services and certain Direct High Capacity Services, and Local Distribution Channels for Direct Digital and Direct High Capacity Services.

Channel: A path (or paths) for electrical communication between two or more stations or telephone company offices and furnished in such a manner as the Company may elect.

Channel Interface: The specifications description that defines the communication parameters at the point of Channel Mileage Termination.

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Channel Mileage: As used in connection with Direct Digital and Direct High Capacity Services, a transmission path between wire centers so designated for billing purposes.

Channel Mileage Termination: All equipment and facilities needed to terminate the interoffice channel mileage.

Circuit: A channel used for the transmission of electrical energy in the furnishing of telephone and other communication services.

Class of Service: The various categories of service generally available to the Customer, such as business, home business, residential.

Collect Message: A toll message in which the user stipulates that the called party accept and pay all charges associated with the message.

Company: TCI Telephony Services of Illinois, Inc., d/b/a People Link by TCI.

Connecting Carrier: A telecommunications carrier which is subject to active regulatory oversight by the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) and which provides switched local exchange telecommunications service under a certificate of exchange service authority issued by the ICC under the provisions of Paragraph 13-405 of the Illinois' Public Utilities Act.

Continuous Property: Continuous property is defined as plot of ground, together with any buildings thereon, occupied by the Customer, which is not separated by public thoroughfares or by property occupied by others.

Contract: The agreement between a Customer and the Company under which service and facilities are furnished in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Tariffs.

Cost: The cost of labor and materials, which includes appropriate amounts to cover the Company's general operating and administrative expenses.

Credit Card Message: A toll message in which associated charges are billed to a credit card number assigned by a telephone company and issued to either the called or calling party.

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Customer: The person, firm or corporation which orders service and is responsible for the payment of charges and compliance with the terms and conditions of this tariff.

Customer of Record: The Customer to whom the bill for service is rendered by the Company.

Customer Premises: One Customer premises is all space in the same building occupied by a Customer and all space occupied by the same Customer in different building on continuous property.

Customer Premises Equipment: Equipment, except coin stations, employed on the premises of a Customer, other than a carrier, to originate, route or terminate telecommunication, but not including equipment used to maintain or terminate access lines or channels.

Customer Premises Wire: Any wire, including interface equipment, on the Customer side of the Network Interface or equivalent.

Customer-Provided Equipment: All communications systems, devices, apparatus and their associated wiring provided by Customer.

Customer-Provided Terminal Equipment: Devices, apparatus and their associated wiring, provided by a Customer, authorized user or joint user which do not constitute a communications system.

Customer-Provided Test Equipment: As used in this tariff, denotes test equipment located at the premises of the Customer that is used by the Customer for the detection and/or isolation of a communications service fault.

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1.1 Definitions, Technical Terms, and Abbreviations (Cont'd.)

Day: Day Rates apply for any portion of a call occurring Monday through Friday during the period from 8:00 A.M. up to but not including 5:00 P.M.

Dedicated: A facility or equipment system or subsystem set aside for the sole use of a specific Customer.

Demarcation Point: The physical location that separates the responsibility for installation and repair of telecommunications facilities between the Company, the property/building owner or agent, and the Customer.

Digital Bit Stream: Synchronous flow of binary data in digital from a single Customer-provided source at a predetermined speed.

Direct Inward Dial (DID): Provides capability for direct inward dialing to a PBX station without attendant assistance.

Direct Inward Outward Dial (DIOD): Provides the combined capabilities of DID and DOD.

Direct Outward Dial (DOD): Provides recognition, by the exchange telephone network, of the capability in a PBX for direct outward dialing to an outside station without attendant assistance.

Directory Listing: A publication in Ameritech-Illinois' alphabetical directory of information relative to a Customer's name or other identification and telephone number.

Disconnection: The temporary (ten days or less) cessation of telecommunications service. The term "disconnection" as used in this tariff is meant to be the equivalent of the term "discontinuance" as used in 83 Illinois Administrative Code, Part 735.

Disconnect Notice: The written notice sent to a Customer following billing, notifying him that his service will be discontinued if charges are not satisfied by the date specified on the notice.

Distributing Center: As used in connection with Series 6000 channels, denotes amplifying and bridging equipment at a central office necessary to connect more than one station to a multi-point network. A distributing center directly connected to the studio is termed the Primary Distributing Center.

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District: An area of an exchange which is the basis for the determination of usage rates within MSAs 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 9 and 15; and of Foreign District Service mileage measurement in MSAs 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 9 and 15.

End Office: The term "end office" denotes the LEC switching system office or serving wire center where Customer station loops are terminated for purposes of interconnection to each other and/or to trunks.

Entrance Facilities: Facilities extending from the point of entrance on private property to the premises on which service is furnished.

Exchange: A geographical area established for the administration of telephone service in a specified area, called the "Exchange Area", which usually embraces a city, town or village, and its environs. It may contain one or more central offices together with the associated plant, equipment and facilities used in furnishing communication service within that area.

Exchange Access Line: A central office line which provides access to the exchange telephone network for local and long distance telephone service and includes the serving central office equipment and all outside plant facilities through and including the Network Interface or equivalent.

PBX Trunk: An exchange access line which is connected to a PBX System, Call Distribution System, or equipment of similar types provided by the Customer.

Business Exchange Access Line: An exchange access line used to provide exchange telephone service to business Customers and which is not connected to a PBX Service, Call Distribution System, or equipment of similar types provided by the Customer.

Residence Exchange Access Line: An exchange access line used to provide exchange telephone service to residence Customers.

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Exchange Area: The area within which the Company furnished complete telephone service from one specific exchange at the exchange rates applicable within that area.

Exchange Service: The furnishing of equipment and facilities including Centrex lines, exchange access lines or trunks, for telephone communication within local service areas in accordance with the provisions of this tariff. Pursuant to Section 13-206 of the Public Utilities Act, the geographical area as shown on a map for each exchange served by the Illinois Bell Telephone Company, as defined in 83 Illinois Administrative Code, Part 730, are the same as those presently on file with the Illinois Commerce Commission or as may be adjusted in the future and said exchange maps are hereby adopted by reference to be a part of this tariff.

Facilities: Includes, in the aggregate or otherwise, but is not limited to, the following:
channels lines
apparatus devices
equipment accessories
communications paths systems

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which are provided by the Company and utilized by it in the furnishing of telecommunications services or which are provided by a Customer and used for telecommunications purposes.

Fiber Optic Cable: A thin filament of glass with a protective outer coating through which a light beam carrying communications signals may be transmitted by means of multiple internal reflections to a receiver, which translates the message.

Flat Rate Service: Unlimited calling privileges to a specified area furnished at a fixed periodic charge.

Holidays: Weekdays officially designated by the United States government as federal holidays, specifically: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

Home Business Service: Service will be classified as Home Business Service where the use is primarily or substantially of a business, professional, or otherwise occupational nature and is performed from a Customer's residence.

ICC: The Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC.)

Individual Case Basis: A service arrangement in which the regulations, rates and charges are developed based on the specific circumstances of the case.

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Installation Charge: A nonrecurring charge made at the time of installation of communications service which may apply in place of or in addition to service charges and other applicable charges for service or equipment.

Interface: The term "interface" denotes that point on the premises of the Customer at which provision is made for connection of other than Company-provided facilities to facilities provided by the Company.

Interface Equipment: Equipment provided by the Company at the interface location to accomplish the direct electrical connection of facilities provided by the Company with facilities provided by other than the Company.

Interface Jack: A connecting device provided for use as a point of demarcation between network access service and Customer-owned equipment.

Joint User: A person, firm or corporation which is designated by the Customer as a user of Local Exchange Service furnished to the Customer and to whom a portion of the charges for the service will be billed under a joint user arrangement as specified herein.

Kbps: Kilobits per second, denotes thousands of bits per second.

LATA: A Local Access and Transport Area established pursuant to the modification of Final Judgment entered by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia in Civil Action No. 82-0192.

LEC: LEC (Local Exchange Company) refers to the dominant, monopoly local exchange carrier in an area also served by the Company, e.g., Ameritech-Illinois.

Local Message: A local message is the measurement upon which the charges for telephone communications are based when the calling station and the station with which communication is established are both within the same local service area.

Local Service: Service which provides for exchange telephone communication within the local service area at rates and under regulations as provided in this tariff.

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Local Service Area: That area within which a Customer to exchange service can make telephone calls without the payment of a long distance telecommunications charge. A local service area may be made up of one or more than one central office area or exchange area.

Loop: A transmission path between the network interface (NI) located at the Customer's premises and the vertical side of the main distributing frame (or other designated Company frame) in a Company central office. Loops are defined by the electrical interface rather than the type of facilities used.

Market Service Area: A geographical area comprised of one or more exchanges served by local exchange telephone companies as established in Illinois Commerce Commission Docket 82-0268.

Maintenance Visit Charge: A charge applied when the location of reported trouble is found to be in Customer-provided equipment.

Mbps: Megabits per second, denotes millions of bits per second.

Mileage: The measurement upon which charges are computed for line extensions.

Minimum Contract Period: The minimum length of time for which a Customer is obligated to pay for service, facilities and equipment whether or not retained by the Customer for such minimum length of time.

Node: Any Company or Customer location that is capable of performing Add/Drop Multiplexing.

Nonrecurring Charge: A one-time charge associated with a specific item of equipment or service. This charge applies to installation and to subsequent modifications.

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NSF Check: Any negotiable instrument returned by a bank, savings institution, or other eligible institution which is returned by that institution with one of the following instructions: non sufficient funds, uncollectible funds, account closed, account frozen, no account.

Person: A natural person, firm, partnership, corporation, association, municipality, cooperative, organization, government agency, real estate trust, or other legal entity.

Person-to-Person Toll Message: A toll message in which the user stipulates a desire for communications with a specified person or extension station at a specified location.

Port: A facility or equipment system or subsystem set aside for the sole use of a specific Customer.

Premise: The space occupied by a Customer or authorized user in a building or buildings.

Premises: One premises is all space in the same building occupied by a Customer and all space occupied by the same Customer in different buildings on Continuous Property.

Private Branch Exchange System: A private exchange system is an arrangement of equipment, consisting of switching apparatus with attendant's telephones, trunks to a central office and stations connected with the switching apparatus, thereby providing for telephone interconnection between these stations, and also communication with the general exchange system.

Recurring Charge: The monthly charges to the Customer for services, facilities and equipment, which continue for the agreed upon duration of the service.

Residential Service: Service will be classified as Residential Service where the business use, if any, is merely incidental and where the major use is of a social or domestic nature.

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Service Connection Charge: The nonrecurring charge a Customer may be required to pay at the time of the establishment of telephone service or subsequent additions to that service.

Service Order: The written request for the Company's services executed by the Customer and the Company in the format devised by the Company. The signing of a Service Order form by the Customer and acceptance by the Company initiates the respective obligations of the parties as set forth therein and pursuant to this tariff.

Serving Wire Center: A serving wire center denotes the wire center from which the Customer-designated premises would normally obtain dial tone from the Company.

Shared: A facility or equipment system or subsystem which can be used simultaneously by several Customers.

Signaling Point: The term "Signaling Point" denotes a switch that is capable of supporting SS7 signaling.

Signaling Point of Interconnection: The term "Signaling Point of Interconnection" denotes the Customer-designated location, in the same LATA as the Company STP, where SS7 signaling information is exchanged between TCG and the Customer.

Signaling Transfer Point: The term "Signaling Transfer Point" denotes a signaling point which routes and/or transfers signaling messages through the common channel signaling network.

Standard Network Interface: The point where Company network services or facilities terminate and the Company's responsibility for installing and maintaining such services or facilities ends.

Station: Customer Premises Equipment or Interface Equipment at the Customer's Premises in which Customer Premises Wire terminates. Includes the telephone instrument, data set, network control signaling units and other station equipment which enable Customers to establish the communications connections and to effect communications through such connections.

Station-to-Station Toll Message: A toll message in which the user stipulates a desire for communication only with a specified telephone or switchboard.

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